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SUBJ: NAMIBIA AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL

1. MILITANT STATEMENT BY SWAPO LEADER NUJOMA IN OPEN MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA LATE MAY 28 HAS THROWN LEADERSHIP OF AFRICAN GROUP INTO COFUSION. WE UNDERSTAND SC PRESIDENT RAMPHAL AND HIS PERMREP RASHLEIGH JACKSON ARE STAYING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH BANDA (ZAMBIA) AND SALIM (TANZANIA), WHO ARE SSTILL TRYING TO EVOLVE CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH.

2. JACKSON CALLED ON UK PERMREP RICHARD LATE FORENOON MAY 29. HE CHARACTERIZED NUJOMA'S PERFORMANCE AS "ABSURD BEHAVIOR." ACCORDING JACKSON, BANDA BELIEVED NUJOMA HAD GIVEN AT LEAST IMPLICIT UNDERTAKING IN LUSAKA BEFORE LEAVING AFRICA TO BE MODERATE. HE EXPECTED MWAANGA TO ATTEMPT TO BRING NUJOMA BACK INTO LINE.
(MWAANGA ARRIVED NEW YORK TODAY.)

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3. AF DRAFTING GROUP MET LATE MAY 29 AND ADJOURNED WITHOUT

PROGRESS. THEY SCHEDULED TO TRY AGAIN MORNING OF MAY 30 BUT DO NOT THEMSELVES EXPECT TO MAKE PROGRESS UNTIL AFTER MEETING OF AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 11:00 AM. ON INITIATIVE UK PERMREP RICHARD, UK, FRANCE AND US AMBASSADORS WILL CAUCUS AT 10:30 AM TO REVIEW SITUATION AND TACTICAL APPROACH.

4. FORMAL OPENING OF NAMIBIA DEBATE IN SC SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON MAY 30. WE EXPECT BANDA, BURUNDI AMBASSADOR NDABANIWE (CHAIRMAN OF AF GROUP), ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR RAHAL (REPRESENTING NON-ALIGNED) AND NUJOMA TO SPEAK FIRST DAY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN ADDITION SC PRESIDENT RAMPHAL, FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ZAMBIA, TANZANIA AND LIBERIA ARE ALREADY IN NEW YORK BUT DO NOT INTEND TO SPEAK BEFORE MONDAY, JUNE 2. SCALI

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